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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [051] with the following amended paragraph:

[051] Administration console 36 allows analysts 8 to modify an enterprise planning model. For example, analysts 8 may wish to capture additional contribution data after initiating an enterprise planning activity. To ease the adoption of the changes to the model, administration console 36 supports node-level modification and maintenance of an enterprise planning model. In particular, administration console allows analysts 8 to check-in and check-out nodes of the model, i.e., to mark the node for update. Consequently, an analyst 8 can ~~updated~~ update a model "slice" associated with the particular node. Moreover, analyst 8 may update the node without interrupting the ongoing enterprise-wide planning activity. Other users are prevented from ~~save~~ saving contribution data or ~~review~~ reviewing input associated with the respective slot for the node within transactional data area 62 only for a short period, typically a minute or less. Once that short, node-level update process is complete, the new enterprise planning model and amended data is available to all users. Even those users who have an editing session open at the point when the changes are put into production are given the opportunity to reconcile their working data locally and then save the changes. The enterprise contributors may continue to provide and review contribution data for the enterprise planning session. This feature allows modification and maintenance, and allows the model to remain operational. Accordingly, analysts 8 can modify the business logic associated with a particular node without taking the model offline.